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1894 and was graduated with high honors six years ago. Previous to his graduation his services were much sought after and he received several offers to accept charges in various parts of the country. His modesty, however, taught him to begin as he had begun his studies, on the bottom rung of the ladder, and decided upon taking the charge at Coalville. Returning to Scranton he wedded Miss Mima Jones, of North Bromley avenue, and together they left for their new home, Rev. Mr. Williams being somewhat of a parliamentarian his services have been much in demand, especially to preside over conventions, and at the last session of the conference in which his church is located he was chosen as a moderator for the present year.

City Assessor, Elias Morris is the oldest city official in this city at present but despite this fact he is one of the most assiduous members in the municipal building. There are certain seasons of the year when the assessor has little work to do, except furnish information to inquiring taxpayers. This does not deter Mr. Morris from being on hand every day in the week. It is said that since he assumed office in April, 1901, he has not been away from the office a single day except because of illness.

Architect Gilbert N. Edson has opened an office in the Council building. Dr. B. B. Hand has returned from a two-weeks' visit through Mississippi.

Patrolmen John F. Saltry, Christian Rose and George Jones started on their annual vacation Saturday.

Mr. J. Downing, of 311 Madison avenue, has gone to York Pa., for several weeks to visit his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Watson, and son, Dr. Edwin M. Downing, who has recently moved there from Kansas.

Mr. J. Downing, manager of the Tivoli theatre, London, who is being entertained in this city by his brother-in-law, Reece Jones, the well-known pianist, will leave for New York city today.

The Blue Ridge breaker at Peckville, owned by the Scranton Coal company, caught fire in a mysterious way yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and in a very short time was burned to the ground. The fireman, Thomas Kemerer, who was the only person about the place at the time cannot be found and it is feared that he has perished in the flames.

The Blue Ridge was recently purchased by the Scranton Coal company and the breaker abandoned. The coal from the top and only remaining vein was carried up through the shaft and from there conveyed by a small locomotive engine into the mine and hoisted to the Ontario engine where it was used for power. When it became apparent that fireman Kemerer must have perished, two very plausible theories were at once advanced. One was that he had gone up into the breaker when he discovered it afire to see if he could, as there were barrels of water located in different places for such an emergency, and was overcome by the smoke and smothering was burned.

Acting on the other theory, Mine Foreman Smith, Allen and Brown, went down into the mine and began a search for him as it was known to be part of his duty on Sunday to feed the four mules which are kept there. Two of the mules were dead and the others nearly so. Only partly consumed feed was found in the mangers, showing that they had just been fed.

A search of the workings was then made and the only possible places where he might have wandered and been lost was so full of black damp that the party nearly overcome, had to return convinced that the unfortunate fireman could not have penetrated there. Returning to the opening in the shaft, the dread thought in the minds of each had now become certainty and this was that on discovering the fire Kemerer knowing that the distance from the vein to the top of the shaft was only thirty-five feet, believed that he could climb the ladder at the side of the shaft and escape without danger, but that the burning timbers fell while he was struggling upward and carried him crashing down the shaft a hundred feet through the wooden covering of the abandoned sump with the charred timbers of the breaker on top of him.

Gangs of men are now removing the timbers and it is believed that by this afternoon they will be able to drag the sump. Kemerer is a married man with a wife and child. The fire was a fierce one while it lasted and began in the upper part of the breaker. Besides the Wilson Hose company from Peckville the Olyphant and Priceburg companies were called to the scene. There are no theories or any evidence as to how the fire started. It was first thought to have been from forest fires, but there were no fires in the immediate vicinity. The loss will amount to about \$25,000.

MINES WILL BE IDLE TODAY

NO EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO OPERATE THEM. Coal Carrying Companies Are Closing Repair Shops and Laying Off Train Hands Whose Services Will Not Be Needed, as There Will Be No Coal to Ship—President Mitchell Has No Fear That Coal from Other Countries Will Be Shipped Here.

It is as good as certain that there will be no work done in the mines of the Lackawanna region today. In the first place the miners will not report for work, and, in the second place, if they did, they would find no work to do.

The order for a temporary suspension of work will be religiously obeyed. At some of the collieries the men removed their tools at noon Saturday. Saturday afternoon the superintendents of the local companies had a meeting in this city, and agreed to make no effort to operate. The meeting was attended by General Manager E. E. Loomis and General Superintendent Reese A. Phillips, of the D. L. & W. company; W. A. May, general manager of the Erie's coal department; C. C. Rose, general superintendent of the Delaware and Hudson coal department, and others.

Repair Shops Closed. The Erie company has ordered its repair shops, at Dunmore, closed down indefinitely. Two hundred men will be thrown idle. The Lackawanna railroad laid off all but a few of its coal crews and the other companies propose to do likewise.

Meetings of Locals. The members of the Diamond local, No. 213, held a meeting in Jayne's hall Saturday evening, and elected two delegates and two alternates to the general convention, to be held at Hazleton on Wednesday.

The members of Stone No. 2 shaft local, No. 164, will meet in the Dickson borough hall Monday at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates.

Situation at Pittston. Pittston, Pa., May 11.—The strike order will be obeyed to the letter here Monday morning, even by almost all of those mine employees who have not yet been members of the union.

Not Trying to Prevent It. Those of the miners who oppose a continuance of the suspension of work will use as one of their chief arguments the significant fact that the bosses are doing absolutely nothing to discourage the men from striking.

Special Low Rates to St. Paul, Minn. On account of the National Baptists anniversary at St. Paul, Minn., May 20th to 28th the Lackawanna railroad will sell round trip tickets to St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, at \$32.70.

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against such a course. This belief obtains very generally with the miners and will exert a big influence on the vote among the locals today. There is a great danger that even if the best judgment of the more intelligent and conservative miners is for a withdrawal of the strike order, their judgment will not prevail. Saturday, at noon, the driver boys at the Leggett's Creek colliery quit work, by way of anticipating the strike order, and compelled the closing down of the works. Mine boys, however, have only half a vote, and while in the majority in some of the locals, do not control many of them, when it comes to a vote.

Still in the City. President Mitchell and District President Nichols and Fahy are still in the city and had a number of informal conferences Saturday and yesterday. The committeemen from out of town went home Saturday, after a brief morning session. Nothing was given out concerning the proceedings of this session, further than that only routine business was transacted.

President Mitchell and District President Fahy will remain here until tomorrow afternoon, and accompany the Scranton delegation to Hazleton. President Mitchell will spend the interim in attending to his correspondence. It is understood he does not look with much confidence on the hope of any further intervention, or anything else that will work from the outside for the prevention of the continuance of the strike. If the strike continues, he will make his headquarters at Hazleton. At 8 o'clock mass in the cathedral yesterday morning, Bishop Hoban spoke briefly on the strike and asked the congregation to pray that its prolongation might be averted. He pointed out that a strike meant great hardships to the strikers, demoralization of business interest, and possible bloodshed. He declared that the companies should come to a proper realization of the arduous work the miner is compelled to do, the skill required of him in doing it, and the danger he is constantly exposed to in his daily toil. He would not, he said, venture to suggest a settlement, but he would pray, however, that God would enlighten them to do what was for the best.

A meeting of the engineers, firemen, pump runners and mine machinists, members of local union, No. 803, of the United Mine Workers of America, will be held in Jayne's hall Monday at 10 o'clock and at 4:30 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of selecting and instructing their representative to the Hazleton convention, Wednesday, May 14.

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The Marvino colliery local met Saturday night and instructed its delegation to vote against a continuation of the strike of the Dunmore locals, composed of men from collieries adjacent to the Corners, met yesterday and voted to continue the strike.

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The murdered man was about 25 years old and was employed as a chef at the Atlantic hotel. He is survived by his mother and four sisters, Kate, Annie, Bridget and Mary, all of whom reside at 290 Prospect avenue. His father and two brothers, John and Martin, live in Buffalo.

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CONTEST'S BANNER DAY

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE POINTS SCORED. Glorious Finish of a Great Week. Kellerman Still in the Lead. Freedman Advances to Second. Harry Madden, a New Contestant, Is Tied for Third Place with Charles Burns, of Vandling—Many Other Changes in the List—All Returns Must Be Made Before 5 p. m. in Order to Be Recorded in the Next Issue of The Tribune.

Standing of Contestants. Points. 1. A. J. Kellerman, Scranton 74. 2. Albert Freedman, Bellevue 48. 3. Charles Burns, Vandling 43. 4. Harry Madden, Scranton 43. 5. Herbert Thompson, Carbondale 39. 6. Wm. T. S. Rodriguez, Scranton 36. 7. Hugh M. Decker, Hallstead 33. 8. Maxwell Shepherd, Carbondale 33. 9. Homer Kresge, Hyde Park 28. 10. William Cooper, Priceburg 23. 11. Louis McCusker, Park Place 20. 12. C. J. Clark, Peckville 14. 13. Wm. Sherwood, Harford 13. 14. Miss Beatrice Harpur, Thompson 11. 15. A. J. Havenstrite, Scranton 10. 16. John Dempsey, Olyphant 8. 17. Hugh Johnson, Forest City 7. 18. Chas. O'Boyle, Scranton 5. 19. Miss Edna Coleman, Scranton 5. 20. Miss Nellie Avery, Forest City 3. 21. Chas. W. Dorsy, Scranton 3. 22. R. D. Dorsy, Scranton 1.

Saturday was a record-breaking day in The Tribune's Educational Contest, 179 points being scored. This was the banner day of the present contest and a glorious finish of a great week. Harry Madden, of Scranton, alone brought in 43 points, this being his first appearance in the race. Mr. Madden had been in Harrisburg until Thursday, and his work is wonderful, considering he has devoted but two days to it so far.

Others who scored for the first time were Louis McCusker, of Park Place, with 20 points, and Beatrice Harpur, of Thompson, with 11.

A. J. Kellerman still holds the premier position, he being first this morning by a margin of 28 points. Albert Freedman, of Bellevue, is second, having advanced from third yesterday, and Harry Madden, of Scranton, and Charles Burns, of Vandling, are tied for third. Herbert Thompson, of Carbondale, is fifth, and William Rodriguez, of Scranton, has advanced from eighth to sixth place. There is a tie for seventh, and also ties for both eighth and twenty-first places.

There were two entries Saturday: Edgar Wilson, Jr., 639 Gibson street, Miss Mary Yeager, 1241 Capouse avenue.

There is still lots of room for new contestants, as eleven of the thirty-three scholarships are still unrepresented. The entry list is still open, and a description of the contest is printed daily on the fourth page of The Tribune.

Since the above table was prepared, several points have been brought in or have been received by mail. These will be credited tomorrow morning. All points received after 5 p. m. each day are held over, as at that hour the Contest Editor must prepare his daily report, get the table ready for publication the following morning, and get the names of new subscribers properly recorded, so that there will be no delay in sending out the papers promptly.

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